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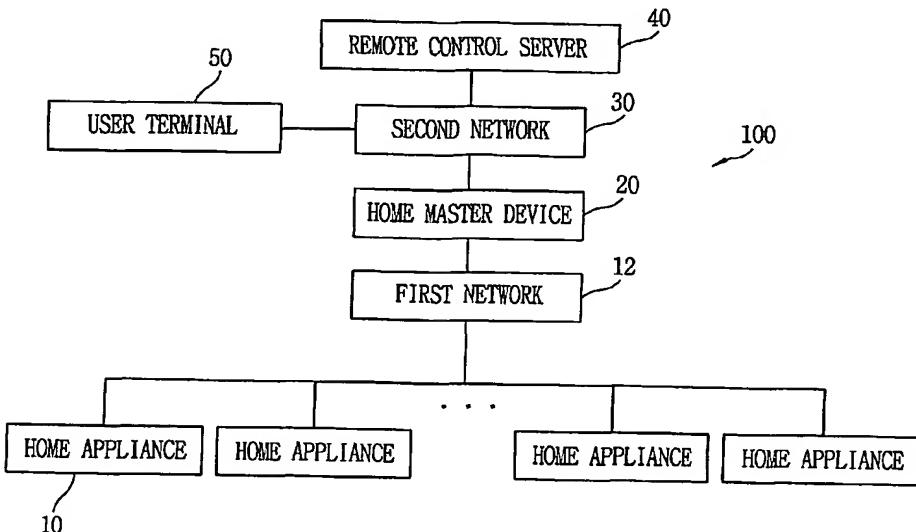
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(57) Abstract: The present invention discloses a home network system (100) which can achieve communication between a home master device (20) and a remote control server (40) by using a predetermined message structure. The home network system (100) includes a home master device (20) connected to a plurality of home appliances (10), and a remote control server (40) connected to the home master device (20) through a first network (12), for transmitting/receiving a message between the user terminal (50) and the home master device (20). The message transmitted/received between the home master device (20) and the remote control server (40) includes at least a product code unit of the corresponding home appliance (10), a message code unit for notifying a transmission/reception direction of the message, parameter units under the definition of the message, and a number unit of parameters.

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